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E.O. 11652:GDS  
TAGSL PEPR, PDIP, LA, FR  
SUBJECT: FRENCH WITHDRAW THEIR AMBASSADOR TO LAOS

REF: VIENTIANE 729

1. ELYSEE ANNOUNCED JUNE 30 THAT THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT HAD DECIDED TO WITHDRAW ITS AMBASSADOR TO LAOS, ROGER DUZER, IN RESPONSE TO THE LAOTIAN DECISION TO REDUCE THE FRENCH MISSION IN VIENTIANE TO ONE DIPLOMAT AND FIVE OTHER PERSONS (REFTEL). THE ELYSEE ANNOUNCEMENT ADDED THAT THIS DECISION FOLLOWED A LONG SERIES OF UNFRIENDLY GESTURES BY LAOS TOWARD FRANCE, FOR WHICH FRANCE DID NOT UNDERSTAND THE REASONS. THE FRENCH REGRETTED THIS LAOTIAN POLICY WHICH "DOES NOT RESPOND EITHER TO THE WISHES OR THE INTERESTS OF THE LAOTIAN PEOPLE."

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2. THE ANNOUNCEMENT CONTINUED "THE LAOTIAN AUTHORITIES TRY TO JUSTIFY (THEIR DECISION) BY THE SO-CALLED SUPPORT WHICH WE GIVE TO THE REBELLION, WHILE WE ARE TRYING TO RECEIVE IN FRANCE IN A PURELY HUMANITARIAN SPIRIT, AND IN CONFORMITY WITH OUR TRADITIONS, REFUGEES WHO HAVE FLED THEIR COUNTRY." THE ANNOUNCEMENT SAYS THE FRENCH HAVE TRIED TO OFFER AID TO LAOS,

BUT THE RESPONSE HAS BEEN A SERIES OF PROPERTY SEIZURES,  
EXPULSIONS AND TERMINATION OF FRENCH ASSISTANCE AND  
CULTURAL PROGRAMS.

3. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION IN PARA 4 OF REFTTEL, PRIOR  
TO THIS LATEST ROUND OF EXPULSIONS, THERE WERE THREE  
LAO DIPLOMATS IN FRANCE. HARTMAN

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